IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) An address data management method comprising:

acquiring, from a <u>computer of a</u> purchaser wishing to purchase and<u>/or</u> have merchandise delivered, address data including delivery addresses of the purchaser and a non-purchaser ;

generating<u>, by a delivery company computer,</u> a <u>new</u> ~~respective~~ unique address identification (ID) for ~~each of the plurality of~~ <u>a</u> delivery ~~addresses~~<u>address</u> in the address data<u>,</u> <u>each time the purchaser requests to purchase and/or deliver merchandise, and/or</u> according to a request for issuing a unique address ID from the purchaser<u> computer</u>, the unique address IDs being invulnerable to reverse translation by a third party into the address data, and notifying the purchaser thereof;

managing a correspondence table indicating correspondence between the address data, which includes the delivery addresses of the purchaser and the non-purchaser, and the generated respective unique address IDs;

accepting<u>, by delivery computer,</u> delivery request data generated by a vendor of the merchandise based upon a delivery request from the purchaser, the delivery request data including the unique address ID as delivery address of either the purchaser or the non-purchaser;

looking<u>, by deliver computer,</u> up the unique address ID in the delivery request in the correspondence table, and extracting a corresponding one of the plurality of delivery addresses of the purchaser or non-purchaser in the address data; and

executing delivery processing of an article based on the extracted address data.

2. (Previously Presented) An address data management method according to claim 1, wherein at an elapse of a set length of time following the generating of a unique address ID, the

correspondence between a delivery address of the purchaser and a generated unique address ID in the correspondence table is deleted.

3. (Previously Presented) An address data management method according to claim 1, wherein a generated unique address ID corresponding to delivery address of the purchaser for which delivery processing has been executed a predetermined number of times is deleted from the correspondence table.

4. (Previously Presented) An address data management method according to claim 3, wherein a generated unique address ID corresponding to a delivery address of the purchaser for which delivery processing has been executed once is deleted from the correspondence table.

5. (currently amended) An address data management method according to claim 1, further ~~including~~ comprising accepting from the purchaser computer instructions to make a generated unique address ID invalid, and deleting a correspondence between a delivery address of the purchaser and the generated unique address ID.

6. (Currently Amended) An address data management method comprising:

acquiring, from a computer of a purchaser wishing to purchase and have merchandise delivered, address data including delivery addresses of the purchaser and a non-purchaser;

establishing, by a delivery company computer, a unique user account for identifying the purchaser and notifying the purchaser thereof;

managing a correspondence table indicating correspondence between the address data and the user account;

in response to an inquiry from a vendor computer of merchandise that the purchaser wishes to purchase and have delivered, executing by the delivery company computer:

authenticating the purchaser using the purchaser's user account,

generating a unique address identification (ID) invulnerable to reverse translation by a third party for ~~each of the plurality of~~a delivery ~~addresses~~address in ~~that~~the address data,

managing a correspondence table indicating correspondence between the address data, which includes the delivery addresses of the purchaser and the non-purchaser, and the generated respective unique address IDs, and

notifying the vendor computer of the address ID;

accepting, by delivery company computer, delivery request data generated by a vendor of the merchandise that includes the address ID for either the purchaser or the non-purchaser; and

executing delivery processing of an article based on address data corresponding to the address ID.

7. (Currently Amended) An address data management method according to claim 6, further comprising:

computing, by the delivery company computer, use points for the user account each time delivery processing is executed; and

awarding, by the delivery company computer, benefits to the user account based on the accumulated total of the use points.

8. (Currently Amended) An address data management method according to claim 6, further comprising transferring the delivery request data to the purchaser computer when delivery request data has been received from the vendor, and accepting confirmation information from the purchaser.

9. (Currently Amended) An address data management method according to claim 6, further comprising determining, by the delivery company computer, whether a generated unique address ID included in delivery request data received from the vendor computer is valid, and deciding whether to execute delivery processing of the article based on the results of the determination.

10. (Currently Amended) An address data management method according to claim 6, further comprising setting up benefits in advance to award to the vendor each time delivery request data is received from the vendor computer.

11. (Currently Amended) An address data management method according to claim 6, further comprising:

acquiring information relating to settlement method by from the purchaser computer; and

settling accounts with the vendor based on information relating to settlement method upon receipt of delivery request data from the vendor computer.

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12. (Currently Amended) An address data management system comprising:

address data ~~acquisition unit acquiring~~ acquirer that acquires, from a purchaser wishing to purchase and/or have merchandise delivered, address data including delivery addresses of the purchaser and a non-purchaser;

address identification (ID) ~~generating unit generating~~ generator that generates a new ~~respective~~ unique address ID for ~~each of the plurality of the~~a delivery ~~addresses~~address in the address data, each time the purchaser requests to purchase and/or deliver merchandise, and/or according to a request for issuing a unique address ID from the purchaser computer, the unique address IDs being invulnerable to reverse translation by a third party into the address data, and notifying the purchaser thereof;

correspondence table ~~management unit~~manager that manages managing a correspondence table indicating correspondence between the address data, which includes the delivery addresses of the purchaser and the non-purchaser, and the respective unique address IDs;

delivery request ~~acceptance unit~~acceptor that accepts ~~accepting~~delivery request data generated by a vendor of the merchandise based upon a delivery request from the purchaser, the delivery request data including at least one of the unique address ID as delivery address of either the purchaser or the non-purchasers; and

delivery ~~processing unit looking~~processor that looks up the unique address ID in the delivery request in the correspondence table, extracting a corresponding one of the plurality of delivery addresses of the purchaser or non-purchaser in the address data, and executing delivery processing of an article based on the extracted address data.

13. (currently amended) An address data management system ~~method~~according to claim 12, wherein the correspondence table ~~management unit~~manager deletes the correspondence between a delivery address of the purchaser and a generated unique address ID in the correspondence table when a set length of time has elapsed following the generating of a unique address ID.

14. (currently amended) An address data management system according to claim 12, wherein the correspondence table ~~management unit~~manager deletes a generated unique address ID corresponding to delivery address of the purchaser for which delivery processing has been executed a predetermined number of times.

15. (currently amended) An address data management system according to claim 12, wherein the correspondence table ~~management unit~~manager deletes a generated unique address ID corresponding to a delivery address of the purchaser for which delivery processing has been executed once.

16. (currently amended) An address data management system according to claim 12, wherein the correspondence table ~~management unit~~manager accepts from the purchaser instructions to make a generated unique address ID invalid, and deletes a correspondence between a delivery address of the purchaser and the generated unique address ID.

17. (currently Amended) An address data management system comprising:

an address data ~~acquisition unit acquiring~~acquirer that acquires, from a purchaser wishing to purchase and have merchandise delivered, address data including delivery addresses of the purchaser and a non-purchaser;

a user account ~~establishment unit establishing~~establisher that establishes a unique user account for identifying the purchaser and notifying the purchaser thereof;

a correspondence table ~~management unit managing~~manager that manages a correspondence table indicating correspondence between the address data and the user account;

an address identification (ID) ~~establishment unit~~establisher that, in response to an inquiry from a vendor of merchandise that the purchaser wishes to purchase and/or have merchandise delivered, executes ~~executing~~:

authenticating the purchaser using the purchaser's user account,

generating a unique address ID invulnerable to reverse translation by a third party for ~~each of the plurality of~~a delivery ~~addresses~~address in ~~that~~the address data,

managing a correspondence table indicating correspondence between the address data, which includes the delivery addresses of the purchaser and the non-purchaser, and the generated respective unique address IDs, and

notifying the vendor of the address ID;

a delivery request ~~acceptance unit accepting~~acceptor that accepts delivery request data generated by a vendor of the merchandise, that includes the address ID for either the purchaser or the non-purchaser; and

a delivery ~~processing unit executing~~ processor that executes delivery processing of an article based on address data corresponding to the address ID.

18. (Currently Amended) An address data management system according to claim 17, further comprising:

a use point ~~management unit adding~~ manager that adds use points for the user account each time delivery processing is executed; and

a benefit ~~presentation unit~~ presenter that awards ~~awarding~~ benefits to the user account based on the accumulated total of the use points.

19. (Currently Amended) An address data management system according to claim 17, further comprising a request ~~confirmation unit transferring~~ confirmer that transfers the delivery request data to the purchaser when delivery request data has been received from the vendor, and accepting confirmation information from the purchaser.

20. (Currently amended) An address data management system according to claim 17, further comprising an address ID ~~determination unit determining~~ determiner that determines whether a generated unique address ID included in delivery request data received from the vendor is valid, and deciding whether to execute delivery processing of the article based on the results of the determination.

21. (Currently amended) An address data management system according to claim 17, further comprising a vendor benefit ~~establishment unit establishing~~ establisher that establishes benefits in advance to award to the vendor each time delivery request data is received from the vendor.

22. (Currently amended) An address data management system according to claim 17, further comprising:

a settlement information ~~acquisition unit acquiring~~ acquirer that acquires information relating to settlement method from the purchaser; and

an account settler that settles ~~settlement unit settling~~ accounts with the vender based on information relating to the settlement method, upon receipt of delivery request data from the vendor.

23. (Currently amended) An address data management method, comprising:

storing a plurality of delivery addresses as address data from a purchaser, including addresses of one or a plurality of non-purchasers;

using a computer generating a ~~respective~~new unique address identification (ID), which is invulnerable to reverse translation by a third party into the address data, for ~~each~~a delivery address of the address data, each time the purchaser requests to purchase and/or deliver merchandise, and/or according to request for issuing a unique address ID from the purchaser;

accepting delivery request data generated by a vendor of the merchandise based upon a delivery request from the purchaser, the delivery request data including the unique address ID as delivery address of either the purchaser or the non-purchaser;

determining a corresponding one of the plurality of delivery addresses in the address data based on the unique address ID; and

delivering an article to the corresponding one of the plurality of delivery addresses.